

Maintain media diversity

On June 2, unless public outcry is sufficient, FCC commissioners are likely to vote for rule changes enabling big media to grow even bigger.

Do American citizens think one big TVRadioNewspaper is enough? Hard to say, as big media hasn't given the issue coverage prominent enough to alert the general public to the vote and its enormous implications.

A recent CNN poll suggests that Americans overwhelmingly oppose this action -- once they are made aware of it. What possible motivation could FCC Chairman Michael Powell and Republican commissioners have in rejecting a suggested postponement of the June 2 vote? Can they serve in the public interest and not seek to promote full public awareness and comment?

Columnist William Safire suggests, "Let's debate this out in the open, take polls, get the president on the record and turn up the heat." This would be the approach of a true and active democracy. Let it also be ours.

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